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Japanese patent document 10-207661 is discussed on page 2 of the subject application.

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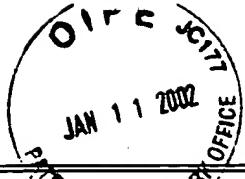
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